programmes in Cable Service, which offend morality or decency, project a derogatory image of women, have indecent or vulgar themes.

Complaints/suggestions are received from time to time expressing concerns about advertisements telecast on television channels.

Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under Section 20 of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995, to look into violations of the Advertising Code. On the recommendations of the Committee, appropriate action is taken against TV channels from time to time for violation of the provisions of the Code. Concerns regarding some television advertisements have also been conveyed to the Indian Broadcasting Federation.

Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), certifies all films for public exhibition, in accordance with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, l£)£fi and the guidelines framed thereunder.

Guidelines for uplinking the foreign news channels

2558. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for uplinking of the foreign owned news channels;

(b) the break-up of the channels which have availed this facility; and

(c) whether some wholly owned foreign news channels have applied for permission to uplink from India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The guideline for uplinking of foreign owned news channels, *inter-alia,* permit foreign equity holding in the applicant company up ot 26% of the total paid-up capital and require the company to be registered in India under the Companies Act, 1956 and the majority of Directors, CEO and News Editor (s) to be Resident Indians.

The permission for usage of facilities/infrastructure for live news/footage collection and transmission, irrespective of the technology used, will be available to only those channels which are uplinked from India and the channel/company has to ensure that its news and current affairs content provider(s), if any, are accredited with the Press Information Bureau.

(b) Only one channel has been permitted so far, under the revised guidelines.

(c) Yes, Sir. However, the applicant companies have been advised to apply afresh, as per the provisions of the revised guidelines, if they wished to do so.

Nudism in fashion show

2559. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in the name of the fashion show the FTV is indulging in nudism; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to control such shows?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Programmes of all Satellite Channels, transmitted or re-transmitted through Cable Network, are required to adhere to the provisions of Programme Code and Advertising Code prescribed under Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. The Programme code prohibits, *inter-alia,* carriage of programmes, which offend good taste or decency, contain anything obscene and which are derogatory to women. Action for violation of provisions of the Code can be taken by any authorized officer, *i.e.* SDM, DM, Commissioner of Police or any other officer notified in the Official Gazette by Central Government or State Government.

To look into the violations of Programme Code and Advertising Code, Government has constituted two Committees under Section 20 of the Cable Television Network (Regulations) Act, 1995. These